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PSC ISSUES DECISION IN SBC MISSOURI REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION IN SOME OF ITS EXCHANGES

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission has granted a SBC Missouri, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri request for competitive classification in some of its exchanges under a state law (SB 237) which took effect on August 28, 2005.

The Commission has granted competitive classification for residential services in 51 exchanges and in 30 exchanges for business services. SBC Missouri has 160 exchanges in Missouri.

The Commission noted that in nearly all exchanges there were multiple competitive local exchange companies actively providing service in competition with SBC Missouri; there were at least two wireless providers in each exchange; and the vast majority of the exchanges reflect one or more VoIP providers.

“In each exchange, the number of competitors exceeds the statutory requirements for competitive classification,” the Commission said.

Under competitive classification, SBC Missouri will no longer be subject to price or rate regulation by the PSC. SBC Missouri will be permitted to raise or lower its telephone prices at its own discretion, subject to the marketplace. The PSC will retain its ability to regulate quality of service, service termination and other billing issues.

Residential services given competitive classification include: Antonia, Archie, Ash Grove, Billings, Bonne Terre, Boonville, Camdenton, Cape Girardeau, Carthage, Cedar Hill, Chillicothe, Clever, DeSoto, Dexter, Eldon, Excelsior Springs, Farley, Festus-Crystal City, Flat River, Fulton, Grain Valley, Gravois Mill, Gray Summit, Greenwood, Hannibal, Herculaneum-Pevely, High Ridge, Hillsboro, Imperial, Jackson, Joplin, Kennett, Kirksville, Lake Ozark-Osage Beach, Marionville, Marshall, Maxville, Mexico, Moberly, Neosho, Poplar Bluff, Portage Des Sioux, Richmond, San Antonio, Sedalia, Sikeston, St. Clair, Union, Walnut Grove, Ware and Webb City.

Business services given competitive classification include: Archie, Ash Grove, Billings, Boonville, Carthage, Cedar Hill, Chaffee, Chillicothe, DeSoto, Dexter, Excelsior Springs, Farley, Gray Summit, Hannibal, Hillsboro, Kennett, Kirksville, Linn, Marionville, Marshall, Mexico, Moberly, Montgomery City, Neosho, Portage Des Sioux, Richmond, St. Clair, Union, Ware and Webb City.